



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS SAGINAW (LST-1188) ✓
FPO, NEW YORK 09587-1809

Rec'd 2/4/87
End

5720
Ser 00/

From: Commanding Officer, USS SAGINAW (LST 1188)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy
Yard, Washington DC 20374
Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDER YEAR 1986
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12 (series)
Encl: (1) USS SAGINAW Command History for calender year 1986
1. As directed by reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith
forwarded.

T. E. Bugarin
T. E. BUGARIN



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS SAGINAW (LST-1188)
FPO, NEW YORK 09587-1809

5720
Ser 00/

From: Commanding Officer, USS SAGINAW (LST 1188)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, D.C. 20374

Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDER YEAR 1986

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12 Series

Encl: (1) USS SAGINAW Command History for calender year 1986

1. As directed by reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith forwarded.

2. 1986 proved to be a challenging year for the USS SAGINAW. Immediately following a holiday leave period SAGINAW was the first ship of her class to undergo a Drydocked Phased Maintenance Availability (DPMA). This involved forty four days drydocked at NORSHIPCO, and thirty five days at the Jonathan shipyard. SAGINAW's ship's force and the yardworkers combined their forces in a superlative effort that saw SAGINAW complete her availability as scheduled on 8 May.

3. The summer of 1986 saw the USS SAGINAW carrying out duties as PHIBRON TEN's designated "School" ship. First, Second and Third class Midshipmen, SOSMRC officers, and prospective Commanding Officers all rode the Saginaw to witness firsthand what the "Gator" Navy was all about. Saginaw and her crew went through their paces, conducting beachings, causeway marriages, LCU sterngate marriages, ship to shore mock-ups, and numerous other amphibious evolutions. In addition to her duties as "School" ship, Saginaw also participated in amphibious operations that were designed to train reserve Marine Corps elements in LCVP landings, and active Marine units in LVT operations. These operations were held off Onslow Bay, N. C., from 22 through 25 July.

4. Throughout the busy summer, Saginaw also had to look ahead and prepare for the numerous inspections that she would undergo in the autumn. The first and most grueling of these inspections was the Board of Material and Inspection (Underway Material Inspection), held between 2 and 5 September. Saginaw's overall

results were highly satisfactory, due to her months of preparations. Following INSURV, Saginaw underwent a Training Readiness Evaluation held 11-16 September, and a Command Inspection held 16 and 17 September in preparations for Refresher Training and change of command, respectively. Saginaw did outstanding in both inspections, completing each without a major discrepancy. On 19 September, Commander T. E. Bugarin relieved Captain P. M. Fagan as Commanding Officer of the USS SAGINAW.

5. In a year full of busy months, October perhaps proved to be the most grueling for Saginaw. From 9 October through 5 November, Saginaw underwent Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Months of training and preparation again paid off, as Saginaw completed Refresher Training satisfactorily, and left Guantanamo Bay on time. After a four day port visit in Nassau, Bahamas, Saginaw returned to Little Creek on 12 November.

6. With little time to rest, Saginaw was inspected again, this time an Amphibious Refresher Training Readiness Evaluation. True to the professionalism evidenced in all of her previous inspections, Saginaw did an outstanding job. The training readiness evaluation was completed without a training restrictive or major discrepancy.

7. November's Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE) set the stage for Saginaw's "tour de force," Amphibious Refresher Training. AMPHIBREFTRA commenced on 3 December, and ran Saginaw through every amphibious evaluation conceivable; including beachings, causeway marriages, ship to shore movements, helo operations, LVT launch and recovery, debarkation of troops, and bulk refueling. When the scores were computed, Saginaw's overall average was a 99.15 percent, the highest score ever received by an LST in the history of Amphibious Refresher Training.

8. The close of the year saw Saginaw and her crew enjoying a well deserved holiday leave period. They could look back on their 1986 accomplishments with pride. They also looked eagerly to the new challenge that 1987 would present to them. Saginaw could say with confidence that they delivered, and would continue to do so.


T. E. BUGARIN

DATEEVENTS

| | |
|---------------|---|
| 1-9 JAN | Moored NAB Little Creek |
| 9 JAN | ENR Yorktown, Va.; Ammo Offload |
| 10 JAN | ENR NAB LC |
| 10-16 JAN | Moored NAB LC |
| 16-27 JAN | Jonathan Corp, Norfolk Va. |
| 27 JAN-12 MAR | Drydocked, Norshipco, Berkley, Va. |
| 12-14 MAR | Norshipco, Pier 4S |
| 14 MAR | ENR Jonathan Corp, LC |
| 14 MAR-30 APR | Jonathan Corp, LC |
| 30 APR | ENR Vacaper, Sea Trials |
| 30 APR-1 MAY | Vacapes Opareas |
| 1-8 MAY | Jonathan Corp |
| 8-19 MAY | Moored NAB LC |
| 19 MAY | ENR Yorktown, Va.; Ammo Onload |
| 19-20 MAY | Yorktown, Va. |
| 20 MAY | EN ⁿ Vacapes Opareas |
| 20-23 MAY | Vacapes Opareas |
| 3 JUN | ENR Vacapes Opareas |
| 3-6 JUN | Vacapes Opareas |
| 6-9 JUN | NAB LC |
| 9 JUN | ENR Vacapes Opareas |
| 9-11 JUN | Vacapes Opareas |
| 11-16 JUN | NAB LC |
| 16-18 JUN | Lynnhaven Anchorage |
| 18-20 JUN | Vacapes Opareas |
| 20-24 JUN | NAB LC |
| 24-25 JUN | Lynnhaven Anchorage |
| 25 JUN-1 JUL | NAB LC |
| 1-2 JUL | Lynnhaven Anchorage |
| 2-15 JUL | NAB LC |
| 15-17 JUL | Degaussing run, ENR Vacapes |
| 17-21 JUL | NAB LC |
| 21 JUL | ENR Onslow Bay, NC. |
| 22-25 JUL | Anchored Onslow Bay for Amphibious Operations |
| 25 JUL | ENR NAB LC |
| 26 JUL-25 AUG | NAB LC |
| 25 AUG | EN ⁿ Vacapes Opareas |
| 25-26 AUG | Vacapes Opareas |
| 26 AUG-3 SEP | NAB LC |
| 2-5 SEP | Board of Survey and Inspection Underway |
| 3-15 SEP | Material Inspection |
| 11-12 SEP | NAB LC |
| 15 SEP | Training Readiness Evaluation |
| 15-22 SEP | EN ⁿ Vacapes Opareas |
| 16-17 SEP | NAB LC |
| 19 SEP | Command Inspection |
| | CDR T. E. BUGARIN relieved CAPT P. M. FAGAN as Commanding officer |

22 SEP
22-25 SEP
25 SEP-2 OCT
2-6 OCT
6-7 OCT
7-9 OCT
9 OCT-5 NOV

5-7 NOV
7-10 NOV
10-12 NOV
12 NOV-3 DEC
24-25 NOV
3 DEC
3-9 DEC
9-10 DEC
10-11 DEC
11-12 DEC
12-31 DEC

ENR Vacapes Opareas
Vacapes Opareas
NAB LC
ENR Roosevelt Roads, PR.
Roosevelt Roads, PR.
ENR Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Interim Refresher Training, Guantanamo
Bay, Cuba
ENR Nassau, Bahamas
Anchored, Nassau, Bahamas
ENR NAB LC
NAB LC
Amphibious Training Readiness Evaluation
Commenced Amphibious Refresher Trainig
Lynnhaven Anchorage
ENR Onslow Bay, NC.
Anchored, Onslow Bay, NC.
ENR NAB LC
NAB LC